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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
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## REPORT

Special Branch. Station. File No. Date November 21, 1941.

SUBJECT: Hans GUTWIRTH - Argus Detective Agency.

The attached advertisement was inserted by one named Hans GUTWIRTH, German Jewish Refugee, born on February 5, 1901 in Buk, Germany; in possession of a German "J" Passport No. II/1515/39/2.

Mr. Gutwirth arrived in Shanghai on June 27, 1939, aboard the s.s. "Conte Biancamano". He is a chemist by profession, and following his arrival found employment with "Chemico" a chemical firm at 169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road. Due to the decrease in the business of the firm, Mr. Gutwirth lost his position on March 30, 1941; when he became an agent for the "Scandia Trading Co." Not being able to make a living as an agent, Mr. Gutwirth decided to sever his connection with this firm.

Mr. Gutwirth intends to utilize his spare time by running the "Argus" Detective Agency. He has no staff and is the only "detective" connected with this outfit. He seems to be a respectable person and gives as reference the names of several local businessmen who are known by this office to be upright and honest persons. Mr. Gutwirth has a very amateurish conception about the work of a detective and intends to specialise in "shadowing" the wives of jealous husbands, using all sorts of comic opera disguises. He proposes to charge his clients $2.00 plus expenses per hour of observation.

There is nothing to the detriment of Mr. Hans Gutwirth in S.M.Police records.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE NOV 1941 AS. COMMISSIONER SPECIAL BRANCH

W.C. (C.I.S.B.)
Information
Does not appear to be a very dangerous character so far.

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This job shows T.N.T. He might do well to move nearer the Bund Nightclubs

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE NOV 1941 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER CRIME AND SPECIAL BRANCH

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D. C. (Special Branch).

D. S.

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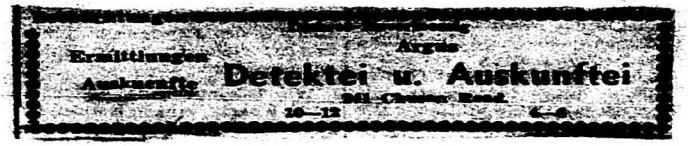


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There is nothing [illegible] Mr. Hans Gutwirth [illegible] agency.

A. C. [illegible]